

Subject No. 204.

Settlement of the right of
planters to topes.

Mr. Chinnappa.

Reply of Government.—No change is needed.

Summary of discussion.—The planters of topes on Kharab lands were allowed to enjoy as Inam $\frac{1}{4}$ th or the whole of the produce of such topes. But such rights were not decided during the Survey Settlement.

Reply of Government.—Individual cases, if any, will, on representation, be enquired into.

Subject No. 205.

Patels be made responsible
for the good condition of
topes.

Mr. Chika Subba Rao of Hunsur
Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—During the Survey and Settlement some lands have been set apart for charitable purposes, i. e., for planting topes, etc. Such topes are now entirely neglected being used for storing manure, etc., by the villagers. It is requested that steps may be taken to plant fruit-bearing trees in such topes by the villagers concerned making the patel of each village responsible for keeping the same in good condition. The produce of such trees may be sold annually and the value thereof credited to Government.

Reply of Government.—Deputy Commissioners will be requested to do the needful to look after these topes.

Subject No. 206.

Permanent leasing of the
right to collect honge
leaves.

- (a) Mr. M. Chinnappa (Tini-
vaspur Taluk.)
- (b) Mr. H. Krishnachar, (Gori-
bidnur Taluk.)

Summary of discussion.—(a) Raiyats are allowed to take honge leaves at Re. 1-12-0 per 100 trees. The system of selling the leaves is a source of trouble to raiyats by the Amarayi Izardars. It is desirable to dispose of the produce along with the leaves to the raiyats, thus freeing them from the disturbance of these Izardars.

- (b) There are abundant Government honge trees in certain villages. The right of enjoying these leaves is sold to applicants once in three years at Re. 1-12-0 for 100 trees. When there are no applications owing to combination among the villagers, the Government realize nothing by this source. The villagers sell the fallen leaves and flowers to the neighbouring villagers at 12 annas per cart-load and make a profit to themselves. The right of removing the leaves may be permanently leased out to such of the raiyats who require them on payment of Re. 1-12-0 per 100 trees.

Reply of Government.—In such cases, the trees may be granted either to the Izardars or to any others. The matter will be considered.

Subject No. 207.

Abolition of Sayer duty.

Messrs. Nadig Sivappa, Bhaskar
Rao, Keladi Venkappa, S. R.
Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga
Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In the Dewan's address to the Representative Assembly last year, it was stated that though it is not possible to reduce the assessment on garden lands at present in consideration of the poor condition into which the garden owners in the Malnad have been reduced, yet the subject would receive the consideration of Government some time hence. The condition of the people in the Malnad is described below :—

Many of them are poor at present. They have been reduced to beggary their ancestral properties being sold